

Stephen Hadley, the national security adviser, said he was not only doing operations, but was also into finance and administration; and he calls it a "real accomplishment."

As I learned when I visited Pakistan last December, and let us be clear on this point, while Pakistani authorities are to be commended for the third-ranking member of al Qaeda, let us make sure that we know as Americans it was a cooperation with American forces and American intelligence personnel on the ground in Pakistan that made that possible. A joint effort with Pakistan is winning the war on terror.

#### ABUSE OF POWER

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, Tuesday morning I gave a constituent a lift to the airport in Seattle going to the airport on my daily commute to Washington, D.C. I asked him what his feelings were, if any, about what is happening in Washington, D.C.

He said he is bothered by what he perceives as the abuse of power that is going on here in Washington, D.C. I asked him what he meant by that. It was very interesting because sometimes we do not know if people are paying attention to what is happening here, but he itemized a list of things that he was concerned about.

He was concerned about trying to do away with this checks and balance system that we have in our Federal judicial system. He was concerned about the attack on the independence of our courts. He said he was concerned about the attack on one of the checks and balances we had in the U.S. Senate in the filibuster that was so successful in keeping a stable democracy.

And he said, and this really surprised me, he said he was concerned about the abuses going on in this Chamber in trying to change the ethical rules just to protect one Member. He basically said, something smells.

Mr. Speaker, he is right; and I urge my colleagues to stop this long train of abuses of power in Washington, D.C.

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#### MRS. FLORENCE TREPP

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I come to floor of the House of Representatives to congratulate my good friend and wonderful Nevadan, Mrs. Florence Trepp on her 80th birthday. This very special lady has dedicated much of her life to public service and various charitable causes, including working with abused children. Most notably, Florence has been an active supporter of the Parasol Community Foundation. A

foundation founded by her son Warren in 1996, the Parasol Foundation is a unique organization promoting philanthropy, collaboration and volunteerism in the Lake Tahoe area. This foundation has been successful in ensuring that local charities with common or similar missions work together to improve their community and achieve their goals.

Florence Trepp's dedication to her community and to her family stands as a role model for all of us. So, Florence, from all of us who admire you, from all of us who love you, and from the United States Congress, happy birthday.

#### SHIRLEY QUEJA

(Ms. MATSUI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Shirley Queja, a dear friend and undeniably one of the most dependable and dedicated individuals on Capitol Hill.

Shirley is retiring after 27 years of service to the Congress—first for Senator Spark Matsunaga, then for my husband, Bob Matsui, and finally for me during my first 2 months here in this Chamber.

Shirley possessed an uncommon dedication to her work, always prepared, and never leaving anything to chance. She was always poised, even under the most trying of circumstances. And as all of the members of the extended Matsui family can tell you, she just might have one of the biggest hearts in town.

To her loving and patient husband, Irv, and her beautiful and intelligent daughters, Clarissa and Cassie, thank you for sharing Shirley with our family. And, Shirley, please know that Brian, Amy, Anna, and I will always have a special place in our hearts for you.

I ask all my colleagues to join me in celebrating the career of this consummate professional and extraordinary person.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JESSICA EGGIMANN

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, with the continuity of a congressional session, there is a normal shuffling of staff positions. Today, it is with mixed emotions that I announce the departure of Jessica Eggimann.

For the past year and a half, Jess Eggimann has had one of the most difficult jobs on Capitol Hill—serving as a scheduler in my office. Due to her professionalism, dedication and strong work ethic, she has managed my hectic schedule with exceptional efficiency and patience, fulfilling the rec-

ommendation of Congressman JEFF MILLER, her hometown Member of Congress.

Although I am sad to see her leave, I am thrilled Jessica has been selected to work with the firm of Copeland, Lowery, Jacquez, Denton & White. Jessica is a person of high integrity and competence, and I am confident she will excel in her new position.

Jessica Eggimann is one of two daughters of Gail and the late Craig Eggimann of Pensacola, Florida. She is a credit to the people of South Carolina and Florida, and I wish her Godspeed.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11.

#### LOBBYING REFORM

(Mr. EMANUEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, a constant stream of headlines in recent weeks has opened the public's eye to the all too cozy relationship between lawmakers and professional lobbyists. Professional lobbyists have become a virtual "back office" for Congress, serving as travel agents, employment agencies and authors of legislation. We have had a debate on campaign finance reform that ultimately set the rules between donors and candidates. Now we need a similar debate and legislation on how to distance the People's House from the professional lobbyists on K Street.

The gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MEEHAN), the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and I have drafted the Lobbying and Ethics Reform Act. Our bill creates a code of official conduct for congressmen; closes the revolving door by requiring former Members and staff to wait 2 years after they leave Congress before lobbying the institution; ends the practice of lobbyists serving as congressional travel agents by arranging lavish junkets for Members; and requires lobbyists to disclose their past connections, previous Hill employment and financial activities on a public database.

Mr. Speaker, when that gavel goes down, it should open the People's House, not the auction house for special interests. Only through lobbying reform can we restore the integrity of the Congress and regain the public's trust.

#### PRIMARY PREVENTION

(Mr. MURPHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, we are all concerned about the high cost of health care. Americans can take action to reduce costs by taking better care of themselves, and the Federal Government should play a lead role in helping out.

For example, obesity-related diseases have annual costs of \$100 billion. Yet 7